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Editorial Briefs.

LET the whole church unite its efforts in swelling the subscription list to 3000 before April 1. Shall not the first issue in April be an edition of 3000? So may it be.

MEMBERS of the Missionary Circle will find Reading Notes on page 14. By mistake the notes for next week appear in this issue. Preserve this paper and look for this week's notes in next paper. Sorry for the mistake, but both manuscripts were numbered 6, and this accounts for it.

WITHIN the last month we have received a number of very encouraging letters. It is a satisfaction to us to know that so many of our people are pleased with the paper. It is our constant aim to make the EVANGELIST worthy of the cause it represents. To do this we need the support of the whole church, both financially and otherwise.

QUITE a number of our old subscribers were dropped from the list last week. Some of these have since renewed and we hope all of them will do so. We do not like to part company with them, and it is our desire that all the names thus dropped from the list may soon be replaced again. We ask our friends and all interested in the cause of the Brethren Church, to use their influence in extending the circulation of the paper.

PLEASE note the label on your paper. It tells you when your subscription expires. Perhaps you do not fully understand it. Let us explain. The figures 50 97 mean that your subscription is paid to and including No. 50 of this year. And as there are but 50 numbers in a year, 50 97 means that you have paid for the entire year. The figures 25 97 mean that you have paid for just half the year, and your subscription therefore expires July 1. 7 98 means that you have paid to No. 7 of the year 1898. If anything on your label is not understood write us.

EVERY family in the brotherhood should have the Brethren Annual. Indeed you can not afford to do without it. The table of statistics showing the relation of single actionists to trine actionists is alone worth the price of the Annual. Pastors, can you not dispose of a dozen copies in your congregation?

THE announcements in last week's issue concerning Ashland University, and the one in this issue, are not meant to be contradictory. The authors intend the right thing, and if there is an apparent contradiction in the statements made, it should be remembered that it arises from a misunderstanding and not from a desire on the part of the writers to misrepresent anything or to cast any reflection whatever upon one another. The announcements are made by brethren who are exceedingly anxious to have the college debt paid, and will do all they can to accomplish this much desired end. Their aims are the same—the payment of the college debt; their methods of work may differ.

WHERE are our King's Children? We hope they are busily engaged in the service of the King whose children they are. We should like to hear from them more frequently. Can not every society in the brotherhood appoint a correspondent whose duty it shall be to report the work of the society through the paper and thus let others know, not only what you are doing, but how you are doing it. There is talent among our young people and the church should have the benefit of it. Will not our young people keep their page in the paper filled with good, spicy news and instructive contributions? It has been quite a while since we have heard from any of our young people's societies, until this week. They have not, we hope, like some of our Sunday-schools, gone into winter quarters. Even the president of the society has not been heard from for many weeks. Where are you Brother Talley? What are you doing? Please waken up our young people a little.

The four numbers of *Cheering Words* and also of *Our Little Folks* for the month of February have been mailed. *King's Children* for February was mailed this week.

THE Lord is abundantly blessing the efforts of our ministers to the conversion of souls. The work is moving forward nicely and the church is being strengthened by a large increase in its membership. It should be remembered that every accession to the church means or ought to mean additional spiritual strength and power for that church.

WE call special attention to the communication from Johnstown, Pa., by Brother Trent. The Mission Board is without funds with which to prosecute its work. Brother Trent is entirely right when he says that the work of our State Conferences is a useless effort unless at least some attention is given by local congregations to the carrying out of its decisions. The same applies to our National Conference. Why are not its rulings respected and a reasonable effort made to execute its decisions? The fault as a rule lies with the pastor. We know from experience that local congregations are disposed to comply with the requests of the Conference in whose deliberations they have had a fair representation. But as a representative of the Conference and as a leader of his people, it is the duty of the pastor to present the matter from the pulpit, not only mention it, but urge it, and continue to do so until the congregation has met the requirements of the Conference. Where the pastor does his duty the people seldom fail in doing theirs. The action of the Johnstown church proves this. What applies to the collection of missionary money applies also to the paper. In every congregation where the pastor takes an interest in the literature of the church, urges the importance of every member taking the church paper, there will be found the earnest, substantial supporters of the Publishing House.